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YUCCA MOUNTAIN COURT RULING

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, last week the second highest court in the United States ruled that the proposed radiation standard for the Yucca Mountain project is inadequate to protect the health and safety of the American public and that the EPA knowingly ignored scientists' recommendations when formulating the standard. The Federal Court of Appeals found that the EPA blatantly disregarded the findings of the National Academy of Sciences that radiation levels will reach their peak in 300,000 years, and instead set a 10,000-year radiation standard. The gap between the science and the standard, a mere 290,000 years.

This ruling is the latest proof that the Yucca Mountain project is not based on sound science. When recommending the site to Congress, President Bush knew this radiation standard was not in keeping with scientific findings. Candidate Bush promised that he would not send nuclear waste to any proposed site unless it was based on sound science. President Bush reneged on his promise, ignored sound science, misled the people of the State of Nevada and approved the Yucca Mountain project. Thankfully, the court ruled in favor of science and the people of the great State of Nevada.

HONORING ROLLIE BOREHAM FOR HIS GRACIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITIES

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rollie Boreham for his gracious contributions to the Third District of Arkansas. Rollie will be stepping down at the end of the year from his current role as chairman of the board of Baldor, a Fort Smith-based manufacturer. Rollie helped build Baldor into a leader in their field. In doing so, he also generously devoted his time and resources to countless projects in the community.

Before the year is over, the people of Arkansas will see yet another example of Rollie's generosity when the M&N Foundation dedicates their new office. The M&N Foundation is a Fayetteville charity that helps individuals in need. Merlin Augustine, the head of the Foundation, has needed to be very creative to accomplish what he has in their current facilities. Without Rollie's donation for a new building, they would still be working out of that old basement room.

Mr. Speaker, Merlin Augustine and the M&N Foundation can now do their wonderful work from brand-new facilities thanks to Rollie. Rollie's philan-

thropy has changed the lives of many Arkansans, and for that he deserves our praise.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, after the debacle in the other body over the same-sex marriage amendment which would have been the first time in American history the Constitution would have been used to deny people's rights, there are rumors that the House Republican leadership would like to bring this doomed proposal to our Chamber in an effort to keep us away from issues that we could actually do something about.

One would hope that the Republican leadership would learn from watching the President and the leadership of the Republicans in the other body as they tied up the Senate for days, only to shoot themselves in the foot. Republicans in the other body could not agree amongst themselves, and the Vice President could not agree with his wife. In fact, the Vice President could not even agree with his own position on this issue from a few years ago.

For a President who claimed to come to Washington, DC, as a uniter, this represents another spectacular failure. Efforts to use sexual orientation as a political tool to divide this country for political advantage are shameful and will ultimately fail. One only hopes the voters will hold people who use this tool accountable sooner rather than later.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 10:45 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 19 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 10:45 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4818, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 715 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 715

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pur-

suant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4818) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except: beginning with the semicolon in section 565(a)(2) through "501" in section 565(a)(3). Where points of order are waived against part of a section, points of order against a provision in another part of such section may be made only against such provision and not against the entire section. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), the ranking member of the Committee on Rules, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 715 is an open rule that provides for the consideration of H.R. 4818, the Fiscal Year 2005 Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations bill. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate, evenly divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule also provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

I would like to take a moment to reiterate that we bring this rule forward in totally open fashion. Historically, appropriations legislation has come to the House governed by an open rule, and we continue to do so in order to allow each and every Member of this House the opportunity to submit amendments for consideration, obviously as long as they are germane under the rules of the House.